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Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada

Ref: Disapproval of Candle Light Party (CLP) by the National Election Committee (NEC) of Cambodia to compete in national election on 23 July 2023

Subject: Canada should help with all means to leverage the Candle Light Party to be able to compete in the upcoming national election for democracy development in this country.

Dear Mr. Trudeau;

Canada is well-known as an institutionalized free, fair and credible election body and Canadian people can exercise political rights and freedom to vote their representative of choice without an obstacle.

National Election Committee of Cambodia has disapproved the registration of Candle Light Party in May 15th, 2023 with the reason of no original certificate or certified copy of the party registration with the Ministry of Interior. Now, the Candle Light Party has forced herself to appeal to a higher national body named the Constitutional Council for final decision-making.

This latest bureaucratic complication and new documentation rules previously not required is another politically motivated blockage. Cambodian voters shall not have any alternative credible opposition party to exercise their political rights against the ruling party, Cambodian People Party (CPP). Cambodia has been known for her one-party state since election conducted in 2018 resulted in the CPP winning all parliament seats.

The Committee for Election Rights of Overseas Cambodians known as The CEROC, respects and recalls Canada's foreign policy stance, which is firm in her values of democracy and respect for human rights. Canada has played a vital role in crafting and implementing the Paris Peace Agreement on 23 October 1991 and has continuously engaged in social, economic and political developments in Cambodia. Now, Cambodia is likely entrenched in China's aids and political influences in which free world countries should step in as much as possible to neutralize this new hegemony.

Therefore, we strongly hope that the Canadian government shall closely monitor and intervene in the setbacks of democracy and the respect for human rights by all means and political communications.

Canada, May 20, 2023

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